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| TITLE         | STORAGE AREA NETWORK METHODS AND APPARATUS WITH<br>COORDINATED UPDATING OF TOPOLOGY REPRESENTATION |                |                 |

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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

This amendment is submitted in response to a non-final office action in the above case dated January 3, 2005 ("Office Action"). The Examiner rejected all the claims as anticipated (35 U.S.C. §102(e)) over the commonly assigned Axberg application (U.S. Patent Pub. No. 2003/0149769). Applicants have canceled pending claims 1-23 and added new claims 24-55. Applicants request the Examiner to withdraw the rejection in view of Axberg because as shown by the attached copies of the return receipt post card, express mail receipt, and transmittal letter submitted with the Axberg application filing, Axberg was in fact filed on the same day of this application, October 5<sup>th</sup>, not October 4<sup>th</sup> as indicated in the publication of Axberg.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7.

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